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Brady brings laughter by the bunch

by AnneMarie Donahue

"Marcia, Marcia, Marcia": It's a chant that Barry Williams will repeat throughout his life.

Williams, who spoke to Fitchburg State College students and assorted others on Sept. 21, related that he fell for Marcia Brady the first day on the set of "The Brady Bunch" TV show, where he played her brother Greg.

"I walked in, feeling like the king of the world. I saw the kid who was going to play Peter and I thought, 'I'm cooler.' Then I saw Cindy with her little pig tails and I thought, 'How cute.' But then I saw ... Marcia."

The show that Williams put on at FSC was refreshingly different and very animated. First, video clips of more memorable moments from the show were played for the audience, who laughed along with the clips. Episodes with titles like "Don't Play Ball in the House," "Groovie Greg Gets His Own Pad," and "Oh! My Nose!" made the audience roar with laughter as they filled in the rest of the show from memory.

Shots from the "Brady Bunch" movies (excluding the recent ones) along with clips from the "Brady" spin-offs, such as "The Brady Brides" and "The Brady Variety Hour," were included in the introduction. Then Jodi DaSilva,

Barry Williams and SGA President Jodi DaSilva have every reason to smile after the success of SGA's first speaker presentation.

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There's a funding breakdown in Communications

by AnneMarie Donahue

Communications students at Fitchburg State College are in for a nasty surprise this semester, as they find out the department is running with lower operating/maintenance funding than in previous years, according to members of the Communications faculty.

"It's significantly lower than in recent past years, and a lot lower than we had in the 1980s, when we had less students. I mean, it's ridiculous," said Dr. Wayne Munson, chair of the Communications/Media Department.

With more than 450 students, Communications/Media is the largest single major on campus. The department has been approved for mission funding, which is used for the purchase of new equipment, Munson said.

"Unfortunately we were only funded $38,000 (for operations/maintenance) for this year, that comes out to be roughly $100 per student," one Communications professor informed a class.

The class was then given a real-life example of how problematic the situation could be. A small piece on one of the lights had broken, but unfortunately, the professor said, "There is no way to repair it. You'd have to replace the entire thing and that's about $400 to $500. This light is worth four or five students."

The increased enrollment is going to cut down on the time each student will be able to have access to the equiptment necessary to participate in and pass the required course load. Seats in mandatory classes cannot be added to make room for more students without the students already in class suffering.

"We were promised that enrollment would be cut, and then they let in 461 kids this year," the professor said. Several Communications professors, speaking on condition of anonymity, said they felt the additional stress caused by this predicament.

There has been no official statement from the department, but some students have said they are not happy.

"This was a horrible move on the college's behalf. It's expensive enough, we have to by tapes and film, which is expensive and hard to get without mailing away for it and now it will be even harder," one student said. A female student working on the AVID 4000, which according to several students was notorious for breaking down, stated that last year was difficult to reserve time on the system. "This year it's going to be impossible, they have to reserve certain equipment just for specific classes. You can't just do a project to practice and expand you creativity," she said

This cut in funding has left many students wondering where the money generated by the incoming freshmen into the Comm./Media department is going.

Currently the department is working to stay within the assigned budget. The editing suites will close at 9 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and at 4:30 p.m. on Fridays. No field studies or independent studies that require the use of facility or check-out for the school year 1999/2000 will be approved. There is no longer a music library, but students are still required to have music in projects.

Leadership Conference deals with diversity

Kerry Kennedy Cuomo and Bertice Berry will headline upcoming programs at Fitchburg State College as the college continues its focus on issues related to leadership.

Berry will moderate a town meeting-style discussion of race and diversity on Oct. 4 at 1:30 p.m. in the Campus Center Lounge.

The event is part of President Clinton's nationwide effort to focus attention on racism and diversity. Participants will include Robert Lewis Jr. of City Year Boston and Fitchburg Mayor Mary Whitney.

Kennedy Cuomo will be the guest speaker at the college's annual Leadership Conference on Oct. 6 at 2:30 p.m. in Ellis White Lecture Hall of the Campus Center.

As part of the daylong conference, students will also hear from a variety of speakers in workshops focusing on a variety of topics, including ethics, technology, community service, marketing, and motivation.

Both the diversity program and the Kennedy Cuomo speech are open to the public free of charge.

Berry, who was Fitchburg State's commencement speaker in May, is the author of the memoirs, "Bertice: The World According to Me," "I'm On My Way, But Your Foot Is On My Head," and the best-seller, "Straight From the Ghetto. You Might Be Ghetto If." The sequel, "You STILL Ghetto," is already receiving a record number of orders.

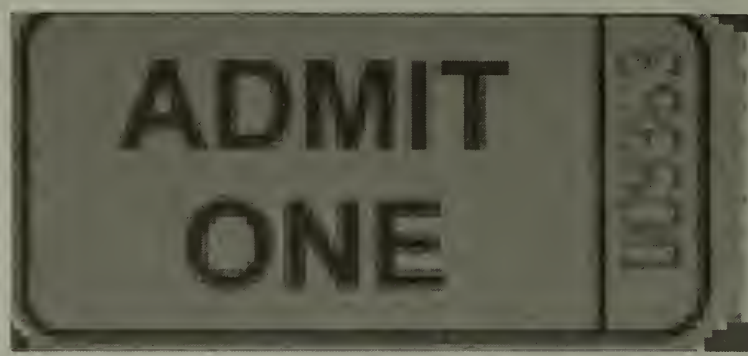
She has been featured on a number of shows, including special appearances on "The Oprah Winfrey Show," "The Tonight Show With Jay Leno," "Arsenio Hall," "Sonya Live" on CNN, "Crossfire," and most recently on "The Leeza Show."

A graduate of the University of Florida, Berry completed the master's program at Kent State, entered the doctoral program, and began teaching part-time.

She quickly became one of the most popular instructors on campus by using humor as a tool for learning.

With the support of students and colleagues she entered an amateur-night contest at a local comedy club, and won.

Following that initiation to the world of standup, Berry began traveling the country for various club dates, but continued to lecture, teach and write chapters for her dissertation.



In 1988, Berry received her Ph.D. in sociology and went on the road full-time. She soon became one of the most sought-after lecturers on the college circuit.

She is a four-time winner of the coveted National Comedian of the Year Award.

In addition to juggling several careers, Berry is a single mother to four children. She lives in San Diego, where she is active in the community, working with at-risk youth.

Kennedy Cuomo started working in the field of human rights in 1981, when she investigated abuses committed by U.S. immigration officials against refugees from El Salvador.

Since then, her life has been devoted to equal justice, the proctection of basic rights, and preservation of the rule of law.

She is currently writing a book of profiles of 50 human-rights defenders around the world. She has led 33 human-rights delegations to 22 countries.

Kennedy Cuomo served as executive director, and is now on the board of directors of the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial, a non-profit organization that addresses the problems of social justice in the spirit of her late father.

She has played a major role in three programs: the National Juvenile Justice Project, which helps cities create more effective and less costly programs for dealing with young offenders; the RFK journalism and RFK book awards, known as the "poor people's Pulitzers," which recognize those authors who expose the problems of the dispossessed; and the RFK Center for Human Rights, which she founded in 1988.

The Center provides a base of support to human-rights defenders, and uncovers and publicizes abuses such as torture, disappearances, and repression of free speech; urges Congress and the administration to highlight human rights in foreign policy; and supplies activists with the resources they need to advance their work.

She has led delegations to and negotiated with government officials from Canada, Czechoslovakia, Czech Republic, El Salvador, Gaza, Guatemala, Haiti, Hungary, India, Israel, Ireland, Japan, Kenya, Malawi, Mexico, Northern Ireland, the Philippines, Poland, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Venezuela, and the World Conference on Human Rights in Vienna.

She has also supported human rights-related causes in China, Indonesia, Vietnam, India, Sudak, Pakistan, and other countries.

Kennedy Cuomo has worked on diverse human rights issues such as child labor, disappearances, indigenous land rights, judicial independence, freedom of expression, ethnic violence, the environment, and women's rights.

She has appeared on many television programs, and her writings have been widely published in national newspapers and journals.

Kennedy Cuomo is co-chair of the Amnesty International Leadership Council, and is a judge for the Reebok Human Rights Award.

She serves several boards, including those of the African American Institute, the Bloody Sunday Trust, and the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial.

She is also on several committees, has served in numerous political campaigns, and is a member of the Massachusetts and DC bars.

A graduate of Brown University and Boston College Law School, Kennedy Cuomo is married to U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Andrew Cuomo.

Fund to promote research by undergraduates

Proving that it really does pay to do your research, the Dean's Fund to Support Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity is planning to offer awards of up to $250 per student or $400 per team of students for undergraduate research and creative projects.

Students have until March 1, 2000 to submit requests for funding their projects. The research/creative projects do not have to be related to a course, but all projects must have a faculty supervisor.

Funds will be allocated by a committee comprised of the dean, two faculty members, and one undergraduate student, each from a different discipline. The money cannot be used to pay personnel.

Upon completion of the project, the student(s) must submit a written report to the faculty sponsor and the Interim Dean of Undergraduate Studies. After the report is accepted, the student(s) will receive a certificate of achievement.

As the final step in funding, the student/sponsor will be required to submit original receipts for previously approved budget items to the Office of the Interim Dean of Undergraduate Studies. At that time, a requisition will be completed and will require the signature of the Dean.

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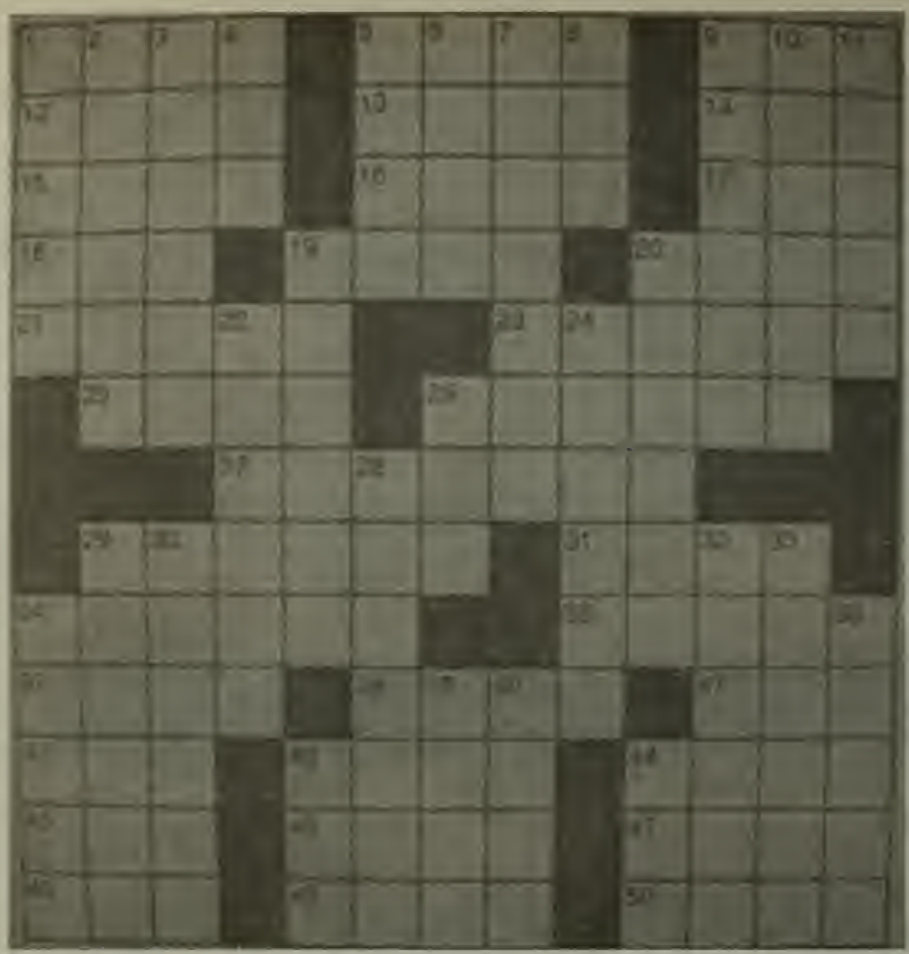

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21. Legend
23. Scrub
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31. Glutton
32. Husky, as a voice
33. Supplying with guns
36. Offs' opposite
37. Frees
39. Savory jelly
42. Banner
43. Lower-leg part
45. Plant anew
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55. Neutral tone
56. Tortilla treat
57. Exchange vows
58. Love to excess

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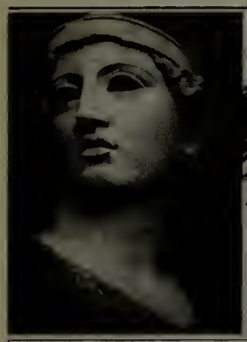


As Foretold by Cassandra

Horoscopes

Aries With the moon moving into your house soon, this is your time to shine. Your face is your fortune and your heart is on your sleeve. Watch what you say when in mixed company; some may not be as trustworthy as you would hope. Now is a good time to set those plans of yours into action, pay attention to the little things as they could yield larger rewards than previously thought.

Taurus It's okay to move more slowly than you want to, especially now when personal matters are concerned. Frustration will get you nothing so try not to let every little thing bother you, try taking some time off to see a movie, or enjoy a little personal amusement. Try putting everything off if you can. Avoid shopping carelessly, make lists of what you need and shop around for a bargain.

Gemini It is your time to live it up, go ahead and put the responsibilities aside until tomorrow. Spend some time with your friends and family, this week you are the ultimate people person! Don't be afraid to rearrange your schedule to make time for relaxation and recreation. Take the advice of a family member, or friend, and don't be too quick to jump to a conclusion about someone you love.

Cancer You are going to feel like there is a plot out to destroy you, but hold your tongue before you bite someone's head off – take time to cool off and redirect that anger away from the ones you love. You may have some issues that you have to face and erase with a friend. This week is not the best time to play handy-person with anything,, be it a flat tire or someone's hurt feelings.

Leo Happy Leo this week's for you! So release some of that physical energy by walking or getting involved in some of the intramural sports that will start up soon. As long as you are exercising that great body of yours, why not give the brain a workout as well. Some people can't keep up with the lovely Leos, so don't have a fit when you find yourself explaining something over and over agian.

Virgo Your inner self is trying very hard to communicate with you, if you take the time out to meditate and understand what it's saying. After you have ascertained the meaning of your daydreams you will be able to work them into reality. Try to be discreet about it though, people can't read your mind, but your face says everything anyway!

Libra Unfortunately the roller coaster ride you've been on isn't coming to an end any time soon, but this week does promise to be uneventful. Since you have tons of free time on your hands why not find some busy work. Arrange your room according to the I-Ching for a change, hey why not, right? Busy work is sometimes the best way to clear your mind to better understand a problem.

Scorpio Scorpios enjoy their independence and the last thing you want is to feel like someone is controlling you, so try to examine exactly what is going on. Make sure to take care of your mind and body today, paying extra close attention to any and all tension. Exercise and a change of diet will help you feel better, take it easy and get a good rest at night during this time.

Sagittarius Your sharp mind is on overdrive this time and it will cut straight to the heart of all matters, don't worry about being overcritical, you will benefit no matter how you apply your energy. Get involved with the college community by looking into volunteer projects through the school. Sometime this week surprise someone (or even yourself) with a nice meal in a restaurant.

Capricorn Confidence is an absolute must this week for you Capricorn. You will be confronted with making tough decisions, but don't worry too much. Even if you make the wrong decision take it in stride and act as if everything is OK, you are under a close eye lately and any sudden moves could be misinterpreted.

Aquarius I know I know, everyone really is plotting against you! I'm so sure... You feel like talking to the wall might actually be more beneficial, don't bother that isn't listening either. Just shake your head and get on with the day. A minor car problem is going to make you glad to be alive soon, just remember that sometimes things happen for reasons we don't understand.

Pisces Always trust your instincts, especially over people you don't know very well. Watch your finances very closely this week and don't go against common sense. Avoid fast-talking people, make sure you do adequate research and check all references... . Don't worry about being accused of being paranoid, it's always better to be safe than sorry.

Personals

Dedicated to helping the loveless of Fitchburg State College, The Point has come up with a personals column to introduce possibly compatible people to one another. We sincerely hope that you take full advantage of this and if you are interested in any of the descriptions listed below please call The Point at x3647. If you want to place an ad then please contact AnneMarie Donahue and set up a time to come into the office and have a resume written for you. Thank you very much and happy hunting!

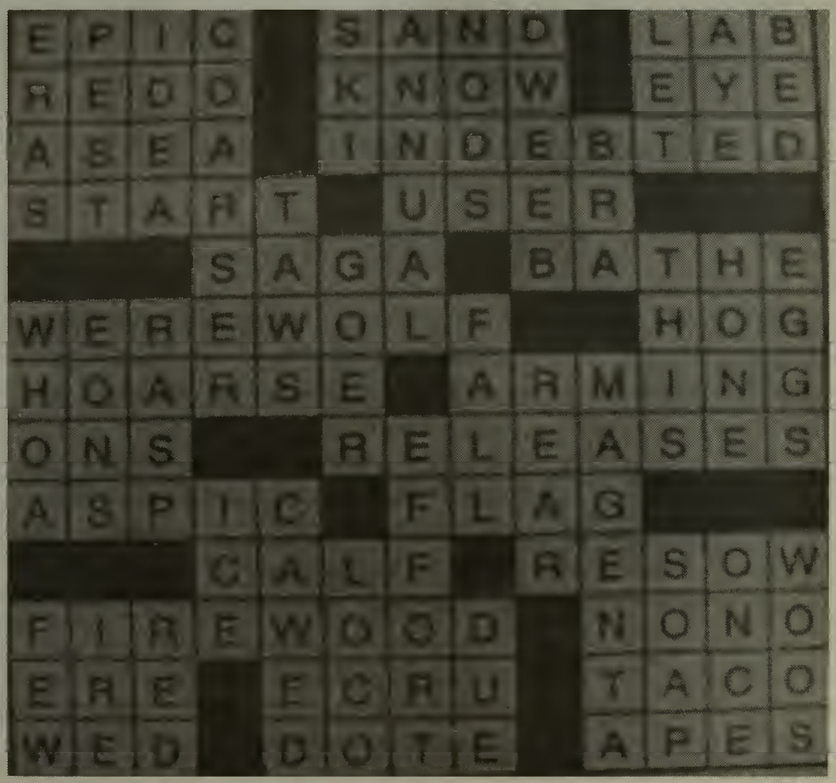
#1 Single black female about 5'7". Loves going to the movies, shopping, cooling, dancing, writing, etc. Looking for a taller male, nice personality, fun loving and active. So if you think you are the right on and you think you are man enough to rock my world, call The Point office at x3647 and arrange to meet me!

#2 Single white male, bisexual looking for someone not interested in serious relationship. I enjoy sports, hiking and listening to music and would like to find someone interested in those things to share some time with me. Please only serious people looking to meet a fun-loving person respond. If interested please contact The Point at x3647.

#3 Openly gay single white male looking for openly gay single male to have fun and talk with. Relationship is good, but will take friendship! Enjoy reading, watching horror movies, and going to dance clubs. I am fun and easy going, and am looking for someone with a positive outlook!

If interested contact x3647

Answers to the crossword puzzle on page 4



'Screaming' to be heard

By Robin E. Sandberg
4 fi stars

"In a world of Brittany Spears and N'Sync, Beth Hart shows the world what real music is."

With the intensity of Alanis and the soul of Janis, Beth Hart brings abundant energy back to music. Her recently released album, "Screaming for My Supper," is her second album to date.

The first was "Immortal" (1996) back when her CD titled Beth Hart Band. Hart has yet to get the recognition that she so rightly deserves. In a world of Brittany Spears and N'Sync, she shows the world what real music is.

I first heard of Beth Hart my freshman year, when I saw a WAAF video with live performances from new artists. I looked up at the screen to see this thin but strong-looking girl screaming and waving her long, wavy, dirty blond hair. I thought she must be the daughter of Janis Joplin. The song was powerful and energizing. It caught me immediately.

The song was called "Immortal" and soon after that I bought the CD. I even introduced her to my friends. So far, I find, no matter who listens to her album they find something magnetizing about it.

Ever since, I have named her (in my humble opinion) one of the best in the music industry today.

Now she is out with her new album. I caught the first single when driving home from work this summer.

I kept thinking to myself, unaware it was Hart, "This song rocks, the voice sounds so familiar!" It was Hart and it was her new single, "L.A. Song." "Screaming for My Supper" is a little less angry than her last album but at least she didn't turn into a softy, as Alanis did.

She still has the conviction she started off with in the beginning. If you are a fan of classic rock you might want to give Beth Hart a listen. She may blow your ear drums out but she will win your heart.

'Stigmata' is a smart scare

By Lou Ward
4 stars

"Stigmata" has arrived to usher in an new era in the horror genre, the Age of Enlightenment. This smart and stylistic horror movie used powerful images with brutal violence and gore to keep its audience mesmerized.

"Stigmata" is known as the phenomenon of wounds appearing on the hands, feet and sides of the afflicted that mirror those of Christ at the time of his crucifixtion. While the wounds appear at random times they are usually a sign of devotion to the church and are believed a miracle in the Roman Catholic Church.

Frankie Paige is one such young woman who is afflicted by stigmata. However, Paige, played by Patricia Arquette, is a morally deprived raver who breaks out with the wounds on a subway and doesn't understand their profound meaning.

When Paige's stigmata form in the presence of a priest he sends word to the Vatican, which in turn sends Father Andrew Kiernan, played by Gabriel Byrne, to investigate the phenomenon.

Frankie and Father Kiernan struggle to understand the meaning of her wounds, while battling the trauma associated with stigmata.

This well-researched movie is the first to put in actual knowledge aquired about the crucifixtion of Jesus. The movie infers that the Vatican has used its influence to support some ideas about the life and times of Jesus, that are nothing more than urban legends, and folklore, retold in a religious format. But it also implies that the Vatican may strive to keep its followers ignorant of important vital knowledge.

The quick intelligence was supported by gore, to help the modern desensitized audience feeling pain and fear along with Frankie.

Through brutally realistic violence and indescribable gore, we experience stigmata, and the horrors associated with it. I enjoyed the movie entirely and enthusiastically. Any gore and any violence added to the movie, and none was gratuitous.

I recommend this movie for any and all to see, but if you have a weak stomach, perhaps you should rent it!

Beatles return to FSC

"1964 ... The Tribute," the most authentic and enduring Beatles tribute band in the world will perform at Fitchburg State College on Oct. I at 8:30 p.m. in Weston Auditorium.

Tickets are $7 for the general public. Call (978) 665-3160 for more information.

The tribute band has been featured on such nationally televised programs as Entertainment Tonight, PM Magazine, CNN, The USA Network, and The Nashville Network. "1964" has toured throughout the world performing at major concert venues, as well as fairs, festivals, colleges, corporate events, and conventions. Highlights include the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta and Philharmonic Hall in Liverpool England.

They were voted "Best Major Concert Act" and "Best Contemporary Act" by the readers of Campus Activities Today Magazine. They were also voted "Contemporary Music Artists of the Year" by the National Association for Campus Activities, and "Campus Entertainers of the Year" by the Canadian Association for Campus Activities. They have appeared on scores of national television and radio programs throughout the United States, Canada, Europe, and South America.

Alistair Taylor, former President of Apple Records for The Beatles, said of a "1964" performance "the resemblance was uncanny, it sent shivers down my spine.

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It was just like the boys. Never have I seen another group go to such detail. ...Born Again Beatles!" Louise Harrison, George Harrison's sister, was so moved after seeing a "1964" performance, she held a party at her home in thez honor. Masters of their crafts, "1964" spent years researching the Fab ... to the mannerisms, the spoken voice, and the unmistakable harmonies. The talented members of the "1964" are: Mark Benson, Gary Grimes, James Pou, and Greg George. Together they have captured and recreated a live Beatles concert to perfection.

"1964" ... The Tribute has a written agreement with Apple Corps Limited allowing them to perform their incredible show anywhere in the world, as well as allowing them to say they are "The #1 Beatles Show In The World."

The event is sponsored by the college's Student Government Association.

This ain't the summer of love

by Evil Trevor

At the risk of showing my age, the only way to describe this summer is to take a quote from the best rock band ever, Blue Oyster Cult, and that quote would of course be: "This Ain't the Summer of Love." The horror movie output this summer has been the largest in years, and happily, it appears to be leaking into the fall.

The first arrival this summer was "The Haunting," a remake of the 1963 movie of the same title. And what a shock – it sucked! Both of these movies are adaptations of a short story by Shirley Jackson about the spiraling trip into insanity an isolated mind can make. The first movie was wonderful; it took the best parts of this tortured mind drama and added a ghost story to the mix.

The remake starred Liam Neeson, fresh from "Star Wars Episode One" as Dr. David Marrow. Marrow, a sleep researcher, invites four unsuspecting insomniacs up to an abandoned mansion to study their sleeping patterns under the stress of a supposedly haunted house.

So little Eleanor Lance starts her first and last journey to Hill House to meet up with Catherine Zeta-Jones and Owen Wilson.

Dr. Marrow then begins filling them with stories about the house and waits for the paranoia to set in. However, his plan goes awry when the legends of the house turn out to not only be true, but worse than they thought.

Those interested in seeing The Haunting need not run to a movie theater, but to the classic horror section of your video store.

With bad lines, rotten plot and a remake that denies it's a remake, this movie is good for only one thing: To remind people that the 1963 version of "The Haunting" exists and deserves to be seen again.

The second down the line was "The Blair Witch Project," or as I lovingly refer to it: The Blatant Hype Project. Taking a new approach to movie making, this experimental film dropped three actors into the woods of Maryland, leaving with them a video and a film camera. They were given rough ideas of a script and were put into the mood by nightly raids on their camp by the producer and his crew.

Heather Donahue, the student director of this opus gone wrong, takes two friends "deep" into the woods to shoot a documentary about a woman banished from the township of Burkesville long ago. According to the "legend," several children vanished from the town after her banishment.

The unlucky trio set out into the woods after interviewing a few local townspeople. Lacking any survival skills the team manages to get lost, lose the map and walk in circles for hours. After losing a team member (JOSH!) the remaining two come across a house that a normal person would know to stay far enough away from and the movie abruptly ends in a manner that a blind person could have seen coming.

Finally, August ushered in "The Sixth Sense," a horror movie with an Oscar-worthy cast. Haley Joel Osment plays a boy afflicted with the ability to see and interact with spirits. This horrifying experience keeps this young boy immobilized with fear until his psychiatrist, Bruce Willis, takes a provocative stance and insists that the boy talk back.

Osment is without a doubt Oscar worthy and Willis is marvelous in this un-Die Hard role. Just a word to the wise, plan on seeing it twice.

Writers Series to bring mysterious speaker

Archer Mayor, author of the highly successful series of mystery novels featuring Brattleboro, Vt. policeman Joe Gunther, will present a free lecture at Fitchburg State College on Oct. 13, at 7:30 p.m. in Kent Recital Hall of the Conlon Building.

The event is part of the college's New England Writers Series.

Mayor, who is particularly well known for his lively public appearances, will be accompanied by a film crew from the CBS "Sunday Morning" television show.

The Joe Gunther series, termed "dazzling" by The New York Times, began in 1988 with "Open Season," and has been followed by "Borderlines," "Scent of Evil," "The Skeleton's Knee," "Fruits of the Poisonous Tree," "The Dark Root," "The Ragman's Memory," "Bellows Falls," "The Disposable Man," and "Occam's Razor."

The Los Angeles Times featured "Scent of Evil" in its 1992 year-end list of recommended readings and proclaimed "The Skeleton's Knee" to be "one of the best 10 mystery books of the year," in 1993. That book also prompted The New York Times to call Mayor "one of the most sophisticated stylists in the genre," and, in 1997, to recommend "The Ragman's Memory" as one of only five mysteries on its summer reading list.

Other notable publications regularly praising Mayor's works have been Publisher's Weekly, The New Yorker, The Boston Globe, and The Washington Post. His books have been published in Great Britain, Germany, France, Italy, and Japan.

Before turning his hand full-time to fiction, Mayor wrote several well received history books, and has been variously employed as a scholarly editor, a researcher for TIME-LIFE Books, a political advance man, a theater photographer, a newspaper writer/editor, a lab technician for Paris-Match magazine, in France, and a medical illustrator.

He is a graduate of Yale University. In addition to writing, conducting workshops, and giving informal, interactive talks, Mayor has been a faculty member at Middlebury College's New England Young Writers' Conference at Breadloaf, and the annual Seminar on Forensic Sciences at Colby College in Maine.

He works as a volunteer firefighter/Emergency Medical Technician for the NewBrook Fire Department in Newfane, Vt., where he lives with his family.

Future speakers in the New England Writers Series will include Julia Child on Nov. 15, Patricia Powell on Feb. 17, Anita Diamant on March 6 and Thomas O'Connor on April 25.

For more information, contact Cultural Affairs Coordinator Mary Chapin Durling at (978) 665-3709.

'Brady' show brings laughter

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president of the Student Government Association, took the stage.

"Are you guys ready to meet Greg Brady?" The audience answered her questions with thunderous applause.

Then Barry Williams took the stage.

Throughout the evening of gossip, backstage rumors and amusing anecdotes about the Bradys, one thing remained clear: Williams had fond memories of the time he spent on and off the set as a member of America's favorite TV family.

"I truly enjoyed being a part of that show. That's why I signed on for so many remakes," Williams said.

After "The Brady Bunch" ended its orignal run in the 1970s, Williams and other cast members found work on and off the television screen.

Two former cast members are now successful camera operators, Williams said, while others have left television far behind. However, Williams, whose first love is musical theater, found his way back onto the stage. Touring in shows like "Pippin," Williams has made a name for himself on the stage, a talent that he brought with him to FSC.

After talking about much of the mystique that has surrounded the show for years, including lively gossip about which cast members had slept together, the show could only be topped by one last thing: Johnny Bravo.

AnneMarie Donahue fufilled a longtime goal by becoming an official Brady last week.

"Come on up here and become official Bradys with me," Williams invited the crowd onto the stage with him to learn traditional Brady choreography.

As members of the group swung their hips to the Brady song "Sunshine Day," they truly learned what being Brady was all about - learning to count in eighths.

On a personal note, I am proud to say, I am an official Brady!

Writers Wanted!

The Point is looking for motivated people to get involved with the production of the weekly paper. If you are interested in writing, working on production, sales or money matters than contact AnneMarie Donahue at extension 3647!

Mr. Free Advice

Because advice is always worth the price you paid for it!

This column is a parody and not to be taken seriously. On a personal note, please be aware that you should not ask the advice of anyone who works for The Point, we're not good people..

-AnneMarie Donahue, Editor-in-Chief

Dear Mr. Free Advice,

My roommate is a complete snob! She is always bragging about how pretty she is and how men love her and this, that and the other! I can't stand it. I brought my boyfriend up for the weekend and she flirted with him right in front of me. I leave the room for two minutes to help a friend down the hall and when I come back they are making out on MY bed! I have had enough of this b____h, what do I do?

Miserable in Mara

Dear Miserable,

I am very glad you wrote to me, for some reason the women on this campus think that they are the bomb, but they are actually either plain or trashy! Good thing I'm gay! Anyhoo! I say if the twit wants to play rough, then pull out all stops. First put Nair in her shampoo and see how pretty she looks with a Sinead O'Connor hairdo! Second, take the floor-length mirror that I'm sure she has and bend it slightly, she'll be convinced she's fat and go on a special "finger diet." Get creative in your ways to torture her into leaving. Have fun with it, good luck!

Dear Mr. Free Advice,

My boyfriend has gone insane! Our relationship started off so nice, we talked about everything for hours and hours and he never once put the moves on me! We went out to dinner and saw concerts and plays, it was so romantic. Then after a few weeks we made the most wonderful love and ever since it's been a downhill nightmare. He won't return my calls, I've seen him with other girls, just friends he calls them. I don't get it, did I do something to chase him away?

Alone in Aubuchon

Dear Alone,

Sweety, listen closely as I'm only going to say this once! He got what he wanted and now he's moved on! I suggest that you do the same, OK. I mean, let's look at this logically, a guy is talking to and seems interested in finding out "all about you." Hmmmm... Do you think he was trying to get you in the sack? I dunno....

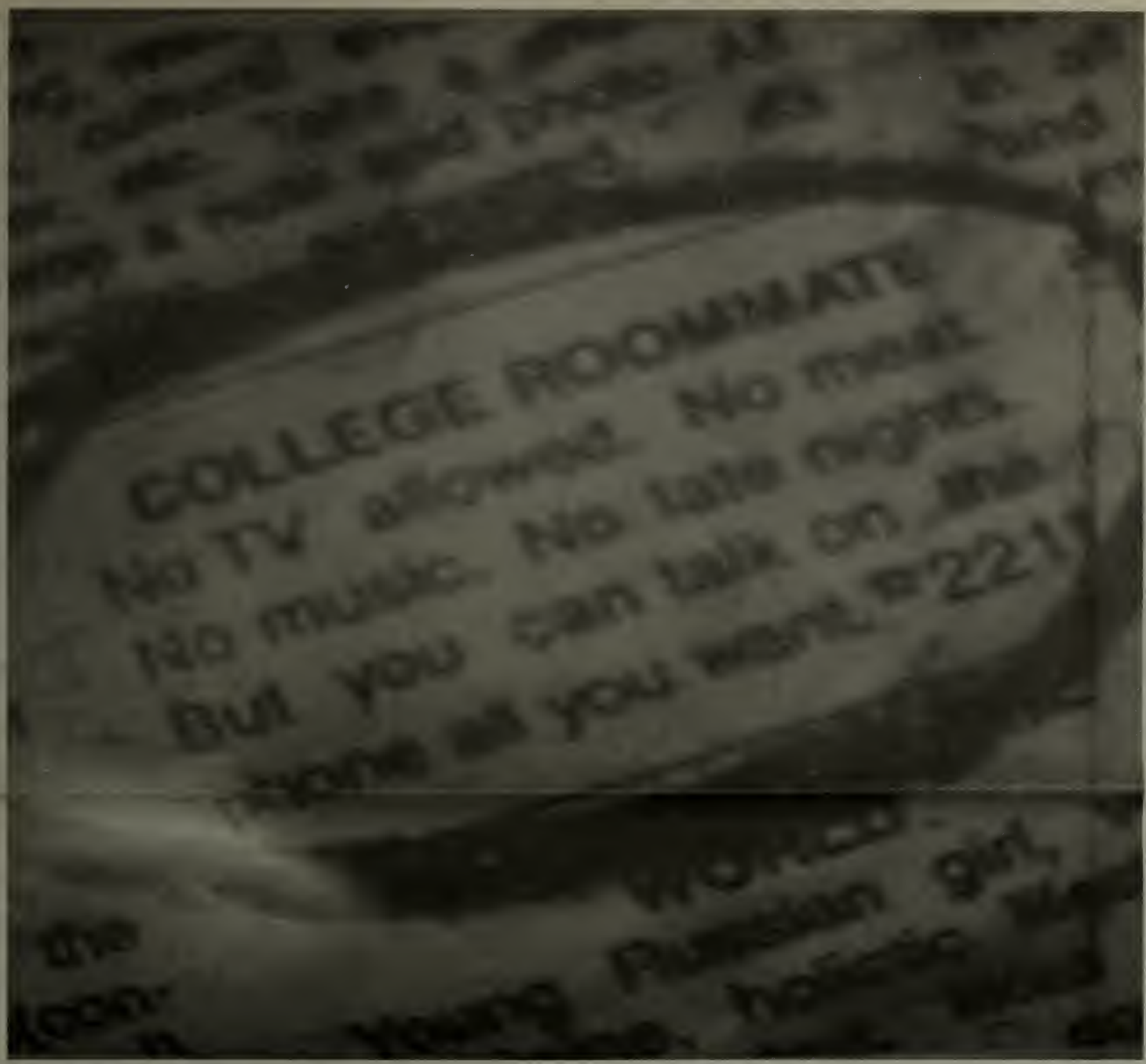
Dear Mr. Free Advice,

I hate you, you suck! You are the absolute worst person to give advice and I hope the paper fires you and you get thrown out of school for telling me to do what I did. I came to you for help when I got a failing grade and now thanks to your advice I've been expelled and have a pending trial for harrassment! Die!

Explosive ex-student

Dear idiot,

You asked me what you should do about a failing grade you claimed you received unfairly in a class. I told you to go to the teacher and state your case in a calm manner and ask for extra credit or perhaps a remake on some of those tests. NOT to take a loaded nine millimeter gun straight into his office and start demanding a better grade or you would "blow his head throught the wall." It isn't my fault you're an idiot!



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Falcons Fly over Bears

by Thomas Mahoney

The day after autumn hit Fitchburg hard, unfortunately Westfield state invaded as well, and a feud broke-out on the playing field.

"The game's become a bit personal," said offensive lineman Mike O'Connell. "Last year one of their Linebacker said some things we didn't appreciate." The rivalry showed as both teams came out playing angry in the first half, which was high-lighted by a 36 yard touch down pass to D'Andra Freeman.

With two minutes left in the first half and the score tide 14-14, Rich Boardman hit Jude Joujoute on a post for a 30 yard gain. A quick 10 yard pass to Gene Clemons, wide receiver, made it first and goal with a minute left. After 2 short runs and an incomplete pass it was 4th and goal with 7 seconds left, Boardman rolls-out to the right flat, and hits a wide open Jason Smith for a TD as time runs out in the first half.

Fitchburg State College lead with 21-14 into the halftime celebrations.

Westfield opened the second half with a kick off that sent the ball screaming into the hands of Anthony Sterner who buried the ball into the 25. A pass to Gene Clemons brought the ball up another ten, breaking three tackles on his journey. A fumble turned the ball over to Westfield.

Both teams battled back and forth in the 3rd quarter both sides falling short do to turn-overs and penalties. Until late in the third when Westfield got the ball back and was stuffed by FSC's tough defensive tackles. Westfield's tailback, Jason Votzakis, who scored two TD's in the first half gave up five yards to the Falcons.

However, Westfield went back to punt on 4th and 20 they faked it as the punter ran around the left end for a 35 yard run, followed by a late hit and 15 yard penalty for a gain of 50 yards. FSC lost their composure as Westfield then threw for a 40 yard TD pass, bringing them closer to the Falcons with 21-20. A missed extra-point attempt allowed the Falcon's to hold onto their lead.

As the third period ended, the Falcons were forced to punt the ball after going 3 and out, and needed Coach Dave Flynn to gather back the momentum. Flynn told his defense to go out their and hit someone, which they promptly did, stuffing the run on first down. On the 2nd down with 6 yards to go, half FSC the defense sacked a helpless Westfield quarterback, Chris Bourget. This forced a punt attempt on Westfield's attempt, blocked by a Falcon the ball rolled 20 yards and went out of bounds.

So with a 1 point lead The Falcons go to work on the clock driving all the way down field to a 1st and goal on the ten. Boardman, forced out of the pocket and scrambling left, threw an interception on the 5. With the ball in their possesion Westfield now had the momentum and drive to steal the lead from our Falcons.

The Westfield Bears drove methodically down 45 yards to midfield and stopped by the powerhouse of Falcons that meet them there. A penalty infraction caused the Bears to need 15 yards on third down. A high pass, meant to soar beyond the reaches of FSC was ripped out of the air by Corner Back Redford Salmon, who then outran three Bears for a 68 yard interception return for a TD. This left FSC in a secure lead, 28-20 over the Bears.

Westfield receives one final chance as FSC kicks off with 4:28 left in the game. Nathan Baron flew down field and crushes the kick-returner with a smash that echoed through the stadium. Falcon Fans everywhere jumped up and yelled at the vicious tackle! Feeling the desperation Westfield called a screen to try to fool FSC's aggressive defense, but Line backer Scott Dredge wasn't tricked. Dredge spotted the screen, jumped out in front of Votzakis to grab the pass. Dregde then returned the interception for a second straight TD return of 18 yards. Westfield blocked FSC's extra point attempt leaving the score at 34-20.

Westfield, unable to complete passes, spent the remaining four minutes of the game licking their wounded pride. Ah, the sweet taste of revenge.

Nazarene faces Brown out

by Thomas Mahoney

An ominous full-moon hung over the FSC soccer field Thursday night, reminding us fall was officially here, as your two and two women's team hit the turf.

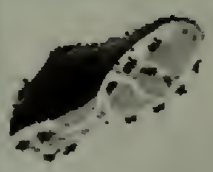
"We've been dominating the competition." Coach Meager said "we've just been unable to punch it in the net. I believe we out shot Regis College 24 to 7." Just don't tell that to tri-captain Laura Brown who scored the first goal of her career at Fitchburg State, which turned out to be the game winner Monday Night at Regis College.

When Laura popped the second goal of her career Thursday night against Eastern Nazarene, it wasn't too much of a surprise. But it was when the fierce Falcon ladies seemed to relax a little, it was a shock. Entering the second half on their heels they allowed Nazarene to tie it up 1-1.

The second goal of the game reawakened the sleeping Falcons, who then went into their amazing press, relentlessly flying up field, hustling, attacking, and hawking the ball. Sending the ball up the right-sideline with their normal precision the Falcons changed their aggressive mode, enabling them to bring the ball up the left and center.

Bringing the sparse crowd of... well, me and my dog to our feet clapping. Amy Todd kicked it past center field and Kelly Tranter kicked it deep towards the net. The ball bounced over the defense, and Lee Churchill swooped into action, just hitting the ball as she collided with Nazarene's Goal keeper, and the two fell hard on the grass. Alison Lindberg then flew in and crushed the ball. Unfortunately the ring of the post instead of the soft thud of the net was the only sound that met hopeful Falcon ears. The Nazarene defense then cleared the zone, as the Falcon fans shivered.

After pressing for an uncompromising 40 minutes, the girls were starting to look a little tired. The Nazarene team seemed almost shell-shocked, and with three minutes to go it looked like over time. But again, someone forgot to tell Laura Brown.



Allison Lindberg passed to Brown who trapped it in the center of the field, only 30 yards from the net. Released by a vicious kick, the ball, now a deadly weapon, flew past three defense women and soared just over the goalkeeper, floating elegantly down the back of the net. With the goal now 2-1 the falcon women exploded in celebration worthy of the World Cup, as they charged at Laura hugging, screaming and high-fiving.

With only 2 minutes left on the clock it was just a matter of staying aggressive, which the ferocious Falcon's had no problem doing. Nazarene was only able to cross midfield once before the buzzer sounded.

Field Hockey

10/2 11 am Worcester State College
10/6 7 pm at Simmons College
10/9 1pm at UMaine Farmington
10/10 1pm at Univ. of Southern Maine
10/13 4pm at Franklin Pierce College
10/16 1pm at Bridgewater State College
10/19 3:30pm Keene State College
10/21 4pm at Framingham State College
10/23 1pm at Laesll College
10/26 4pm at Westfield State College

Volleyball

10/5 7pm at Pine Manor College
10/7 7pm at WPI
10/9 11am Framhingham State and Massachusetts Maritime
10/13 7pm Emmanuel College
10/14 7pm Atlantic Unioin College
10/16 Noon Mass College of Liberal Arts
10/20 7pm Keene State College
10/23 11am Anna Maria College and Worcester State
10/26 7pm Regis College
10/29 - 10/30 at MASCAC Tournament time to be anounced

Cross Country

all times to be anounced
10/2 at Clarks University
10/9 at Keene State College
10/16 at All New England Meet
10/23 at MASCAC Championship at Westfield State College
10/30 at Alliance Meet at Keene State
11/6 at ECAC Meet
11/13 at New England Division III
11/20 at NCAA Meet